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SUBJECT: DENIAL OF NEWS REPORTS ON KISSINGER PLAN.

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1. I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS LAST NIGHT AND GAVE
HIM ADVANCE TEXT OF THE PRESS STATEMENT THE EMBASSY
RELEASED LAST EVENING DENYING THAT THE SECRETARY HAD
ANY SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE CYPRUS SETTLEMENT (REF. A).
BITSIOS STUDIED THE STATEMENT CAREFULLY AND EXPRESSED
SATISFACTION WITH IT. HE ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION
FOR OUR DEALING WITH THE MATTER SO PROMPTLY. THE
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STATEMENT WAS CARRIED IN THIS MORNING'S ATHENS PRESS

WITH VARYING DEGREES OF PROMINENCE (BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY).

2. I REFERRED AGAIN TO THE SECRETARY'S EARLIER MESSAGE TO BITSIOS LAST THURSDAY EVENING AND RESTATED THE SECRETARY'S DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE DIRECTION OF PROGRESS ON A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AS HE AND BITSIOS HAD DISCUSSED IN ROME. BITSIOS SAID HE HAD NEVER FOR A MOMENT DOUBTED THIS AND LOOKEF FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE SECRETARY AGAIN WHEN THE SITUATION HAD CLARIFIED FURTHER AND THE SECRETARY HAD ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS TO COMMUNICATE TO HIM.
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